

technology infrastructure. Jackson is a fully integrated health care system with 3 major hospitals, 12 primary care centers, 16 school-based clinics, a mental health facility, 2 mobile health vans and a major health plan. Jackson is also the primary safety net provider in Miami-Dade County.

Project: Mercy Hospital Equipment Upgrades

Amount Funded: \$95,000

Account: HHS-HRSA

Contact: Lois Blume, Grants Coordinator, Mercy Foundation

Address: 3663 South Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133

Description: Mercy Hospital in Miami is seeking funding to upgrade equipment in three key healthcare areas: advanced cardiac video imaging technology, cardiac mapping technology, anesthesia machines, and a sterilization machine for surgical equipment.

Project: Miami-Dade College Medical Center Nursing Program Equipment

Amount Funded: \$95,000

Account: HHS-HRSA

Contact: Joe Pena, Director of Federal Relations

Address: 300 NW 2nd Avenue, Suite 1402, Miami, Florida 33132

Description: To address a growing demand for healthcare professionals, Miami Dade College (MDC) School of Nursing requires additional programs and advanced training equipment in order to expand their successful nursing program.

HONORING KIRKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Kirksville High School wrestling team for winning the Class 2 A Missouri State Championship in February.

Not only did the Kirksville High Tigers cap off an impressive season with a state championship, but they dominated in winning their conference and district titles.

The city of Kirksville should take pride in their high school wrestling team, who won the school's third state sports championship.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Kirksville High Tigers for an outstanding season and a job well done!

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a milestone for a prestigious institution of higher learning in Oklahoma. Rogers State University, with campuses located in Claremore, Bartlesville, and Pryor is turning 100 years old this month.

Founded in 1909, Rogers State University has been a center of excellence and learning for thousands of Oklahomans.

In 1998, the Oklahoma Legislature solidified the role of Rogers State University as a world class regional university by granting them full accreditation. RSU is one of only two universities in the state of Oklahoma to offer both associate of arts and bachelors degrees in various disciplines.

Rogers State University is one of the fastest-growing universities in Oklahoma. Over the last eight years Rogers State University's enrollment has jumped 70 percent. At one time RSU's enrollment registered just over 400, but in recent years it has swelled to boast a diverse student body of 4,000.

RSU is a national leader and pioneer in online learning. They are the first public university in the state of Oklahoma to offer associate and bachelor degrees completely online.

In athletics, the future looks just as promising for Rogers State. A few years ago, the RSU Hillcats gained acceptance into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, NAIA. RSU currently fields a multitude of athletic teams and competes in the Sooner Athletic Conference.

During their university's Centennial this year, the Hillcats won the Sooner Athletic Conference championship in men's basketball, and represented their school this month as the No. 1 seed in the NAIA Championship Tournament. In 2008, just their first year of Sooner Athletic Conference play, the RSU women's soccer team earned a conference championship.

RSU is the only university in Oklahoma to operate a full-power public television station. It also operates a radio station, and boasts a 120-acre nature conservatory located on the main campus in Claremore.

The university has also added significantly to their university infrastructure and facilities. Recently, the school opened a \$13 million Student Services Center at its main campus and a \$1.3 million expansion that will double the size of the campus at the Pryor location.

In these times of limited educational dollars, it is important for the United States Congress to remember the local and regional universities that educate so many of our citizens and allow them to benefit both the future of their family and our entire society. Rogers State University is an enormous asset to eastern Oklahoma and I come to the floor today to honor all they do.

Happy Birthday Rogers State University!

TRIBUTE TO MRS. NANCY DAWKINS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mrs. Nancy Dawkins, who will be recognized by the Heritage Trail Advisory Committee in collaboration with the Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation, Liberty City Trust and the City of Miami for her invaluable service to the residents of Liberty City and the City of Miami. Mrs. Dawkins' generosity and community activism in the fields of education, counseling and leadership development serve as hallmarks to her unwavering dedication to the South Florida community and the 17th Congressional District.

Mrs. Dawkins, a teacher in the Miami-Dade County Public School System for 35 years, has been at the forefront of various community endeavors. She co-authored the program concept that became the COPE school program for pregnant teenagers, served as a career and occupational specialist at Booker T. Washington Middle School and was a former early childhood education instructor of Miami-Dade College North Campus. Among her many awards and accolades throughout the years, Mrs. Dawkins has received the Dade Heritage Trust Plaque for Outstanding Contribution in Promoting Commemorative Services, the Miami Police Department's Recognition Plaque for Community Service and the Metropolitan Dade County Appreciation Plaque from former Mayor Stephen P. Clark.

As a tireless activist devoted to the advancement of equality and human rights, Mrs. Dawkins received The Miami Herald's Spirit of Excellence Award. She currently serves on the board of the Children's Home Society and has been a driving force in the largest African-American chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, AARP, in the northwestern Miami community where she actively participates by attending state and national conventions.

Throughout the years Mrs. Dawkins has served as a charter member, organizer and past president of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, South Florida chapter, which has spearheaded the establishment of several nationally recognized programs for children who provide countless hours of volunteer community service. Moreover, Mrs. Dawkins sought out summer jobs for her students in order to broaden their experiences in cultural affairs and in her continued activism, encouraged her students at Miami-Dade Community College to establish early childhood centers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. Nancy Dawkins' tremendous humanitarian efforts and overwhelming dedication to our South Florida community. I wish her every happiness and continued success.

HAITIAN DEPORTATIONS—A HUMANITARIAN OPPORTUNITY GONE UNNOTICED

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to acknowledge the unjust and inhumane treatment of 30,000 Haitians living in the United States who have been threatened with deportation. These Haitian nationals have contributed to our society for several years as hard-working, law-abiding tax-payers and are now being asked to return to a country that is in no position to support them.

Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere and it has furthermore been ravaged by natural disasters during the last year. The impact of hurricanes and floods has been devastating to the Haitian economy and has resulted in an unprecedented level of suffering requiring emergency assistance for the people of Haiti. The idea of sending thousands of refugees into such a desperate situation is so inhumane as to be unthinkable.